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GN Docket No. 12-354

Citizen Broadband Radio Service in the 3550-3700 Mhz Band

To whom it may concern at the FCC,

Broadband VI opposes the CTIA and T-Mobile petitions. Broadband VI desperately needs the 3550-3650 spectrum in order to provide increased speeds to our 7,500+customers in the US Virgin Islands.

Broadband VI has been providing fixed wireless high-speed Internet to the US Virgin Islands since 2003. We are locally-owned and operated (unlike the CTIA members and T-Mobile) with our 25 employees ready to fix our network after a hurricane, unlike the Cell providers who would have to fly technicians in (not easy to do when airports are closed).

The FCC along with equipment manufacturers and our trade group WISPA have worked on a solution for CBRS for years. Why do CTIA and T-Mobile think they have an exclusive claim to this spectrum? So they can squat on it like they usually do?

5Ghz wifi is causing problems with the noise floor in our territory. The 100Mhz of clean spectrum will be a godsend to our customers, allowing Broadband VI to increase speeds from 25Mbps to 50Mbps and beyond.

Please keep the CBRS spectrum plan as proposed, so it can benefit rural users served by small businesses.

Sincerely,

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